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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

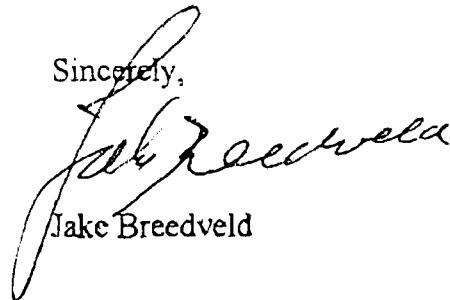
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After three long years of court battles, Microsoft and the Department of Justice have reached settlement regarding the antitrust suit. I believe that this settlement will be beneficial to both, the IT industry and the consumers alike. It is necessary that those who are involved in the suit put aside their differences and work to put this issue behind us.

Even though the settlement goes further than what Microsoft would have liked, I believe that settling the case now is the right thing to do help the industry and the economy move forward. This settlement is fair and reasonable and was reached at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator present.

There has been enough money spent, and the current settlement is perfectly acceptable. I feel it is incumbent upon the government to put a swift end to this ordeal so that all involved parties can return to work. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jake Breedveld